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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DOBLE ET AL.

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Davis D. Hwu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-21, 23, 25-33 and 35-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11, 13, 14, 33 and 35-38 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 32 and 39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15-21, 23 and 25-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and arguments of May 31, 2007 have been considered due to the RCE of June 29, 2007.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 1, 2, 32, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reef et al. in view of Fournier et al.

Reef et al. discloses a fuel pump module comprising a reservoir 16, a high pressure fuel pump 14, and a jet pump 10 as recited supplying fuel to the reservoir, the jet pump having a nozzle having an outlet and an inlet in fluid communication with the outlet of the high pressure fuel pump 14. Reef et al. do not disclose at least one restrictor plate as recited. Fournier et al. teach a fuel pump module comprising a reservoir 26, a nozzle 28 supplying fuel to the reservoir, a high pressure fuel pump 14 having an inlet communicating with the reservoir and having an outlet of pressurized fuel, and a restrictor plate 30 between the outlet of the fuel pump and the inlet of the nozzle 28. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the device of Reef et al. by incorporating a restrictor plate between the outlet of the fuel pump and the inlet of the nozzle of the jet pump as taught by the concept of Fournier et al. to control fuel flow. Reef et al. also discloses the reservoir 16 having an inlet and the outlet of the nozzle being generally adjacent the inlet of the reservoir as recited in claim 2.

Allowable Subject Matter


4. Claims 15-21, 23, and 25-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 3-11, 13, 14, 33, and 35-38 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed May 31, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Reef discloses a jet pump 10 which feeds fuel into reservoir 16 via a jet nozzle 28. Fournier teaches incorporating a restrictor plate in a fuel circuit of fuel transfer arrangements is well known in the art to help control the flow of fuel.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davis D. Hwu whose telephone number is 571-272-4904. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.


Primary Examiner